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THE SCRANTON OF TODAY.

Come and inspect our city. Elevation above the tide, 740 feet. Extremely healthy. Estimated population, 1894, 103,000. Registered voters, 25,562. Value of school property, \$750,000. Number of school children, 12,000. Average amount of bank deposits, \$10,000,000. It is the metropolis of northeastern Pennsylvania. Can produce electric power cheaper than Niagara. No better point in the United States at which to establish new industries. See how we grow: Population in 1870.....5,223. Population in 1875.....10,546. Population in 1880.....20,112. Population in 1885.....35,229. Population in 1890.....55,229. Population in 1894 (estimated).....103,000. And the end is not yet.

The Supreme State Issue.

The Democrats of Pennsylvania who, for one reason or another, yet cling to the party of "perfidy and dishonor," bolting down all its incongruities and swallowing all its scandals, continue to exhibit uneasiness every time General Hastings talks tariff. They afford, by that very fact, a splendid reason why the Republican candidate for governor should pursue his line of attack until every protection Democrat is smoked out of his hole and carried bodily over to the camp where he belongs. Mr. Slingerly has called such Democrats "frauds," and the classification of "frauds" is of wholesome benefit to the community—even of political "frauds."

General Hastings put the case none too strongly at Pittsburg when he said, "The new tariff law is sectional and therefore un-American. The South was in command and protected itself; it imposed a duty of 80 per cent on rice and took protection from wool; it placed a duty on peanuts and removed the duty from lumber. Pennsylvania had no voice or vote that was potent for her own interests. Her great industries and energies and workshops, people and homes, cities and towns, mines and mills and furnaces did not receive as much consideration as southern peanuts; and this when, according to the census of 1890, the total of the manufacturing products of the entire south, including Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Florida and the two Carolinas and Maryland added all together, fall more than \$128,000,000 short of the manufactured products of the state of Pennsylvania. Let Pennsylvania by her vote rise in her might and demand that no un-American discrimination shall strike down her imperial interests and energies."

It is the duty of every American, whether resident in Pennsylvania or not, to vote against a policy which would invite foreign nations to profit at our expense. But it is especially the duty of Pennsylvania to indicate, at the ballot box, their unalterable and practically unanimous opposition to the spoliation of Pennsylvania industries, at the behest of sectional demagogues and chameleons. Nothing that a governor could do would be more appropriate and more clearly in the line of his highest duty than to protest, with all emphasis, against the wanton crippling of Pennsylvania, by political adventurers clothed in the dangerous garb of a little brief authority; and in making such a protest in advance of his election, General Hastings gives the people of his imperiled state a chance to "join in the chorus."

SEVERE FROSTS have not yet been felt in this region. The local Democratic chestnut crop, however, will be harvested early next month, as usual.

State League Progress.

One of the expectations of those who advocated Major Warren's promotion to the presidency of the Pennsylvania league of Republican clubs, if not one of their formal promises, was that his selection would put an end to the utilization of the league organization for spectacular purposes, rather than for the serious purposes for which the league was formed. This expectation is being fulfilled.

Whenever the league is heard of, today, in a public manner, it is heard of as an organization that is steadily

enlarging its membership, increasing the range of its usefulness and not making unnecessary hullabaloo. The torch-light captain role is discarded in favor of diligent executive labor and practical and studious effort; and by the substitution, if the league has lost in beauty it has gained in good, horse sense.

Republicans throughout the state who are forming campaign clubs will do well to seek a permanent alliance with the state league; put themselves in touch with the aggressive young men who form the bulk of the membership of that auxiliary army, and learn the real benefits of honest co-operation in an honest cause.

FROM THE manner in which Editor Ben Haines, of the Wayne Independent, continues to pursue Dr. Strong, one would imagine that Sturruca's staunch advocate of protection was actually a candidate for office. It evidently takes Editor Haines some time to recover from fright.

Give All a Chance.

There is a world of wisdom in the advice which Abraham Lincoln, quoted Saturday by General Harrison, once gave to a delegation of workmen: "If another man has a house and you haven't any, don't pull down the other man's house, but build one for yourself." It is the proud boast of America that here, of all places in the world, the houseless man may, if he wish, own a home of his own. The government, to be sure, does not make every citizen the present of a palace. But it does present to every honest citizen an honest chance. Some governments don't do this. No other government; no other civilization, makes its chance so big and so absolutely free as does our own.

The question before the people today is whether or not this chance shall be abridged. It may not be the purpose, but if results mean anything it has been the achievement of the Democratic party to abridge that chance. When it came into power, it is true, there were some honest men who seemed to have a very poor chance. There always are, always have been, and, until paradise is realized on earth, always will be such unfortunates. But the Democratic party was not content with this small percentage. It immediately set to work to increase it. We dare say it meant to do just the opposite. One finds it impossible to believe that a body of Americans enrolling nearly one-half our population would wish to work deliberate harm either to themselves or to their fellow-citizens. The Democratic masses were honest in their opinions and honest in their votes. The trouble was that they were not wise in their beliefs nor honest in their leadership. These leaders were unfit to lead. Their lead was a lead to misfortune; a lead to stagnation; a lead to individual loss and to national humiliation.

Looking back over the past two years of Democratic experiment we perceive that the chance which is every American citizen's birthright has been very materially abridged. If the Republican party was responsible for the industrial misfortunes of our citizenship prior to 1892—a charge which has been made by every Democratic orator, by every Democratic newspaper since reconstruction days—then the Democratic party, by its own standard of criticism, must be directly charged with the responsibility for the inconceivably more painful and more general misfortunes of the people of this country during the time that their governmental affairs have been in its inexperienced and incompetent keeping. It must stand or fall by the same gauge of fitness that it insisted should be used, two years ago, when a Republican administration reported progress to its constituents.

There never was in all history, a permanently successful building up of one man's house by the tearing down of another's. If we, in America, with all our advantages, cannot do better for our people than to pull them down to the economic level of continental Europe, what is America for? What does America mean?

THEATRICAL MANAGERS of the city are just now slightly worried over an ordinance that has passed one reading in the common council, which if it becomes a law will close every house of amusement in Scranton. The ordinance would impose a tax of \$15 upon each theater for every performance given in the house in addition to the heavy licenses that are already necessary in order that one may engage in the show business. As our councilmen are usually so liberal in the way of granting railroad franchises, privileges that will allow Tom, Dick or Harry to tear up the streets of the city, obstruct sidewalks and endanger life and property, this war upon the play houses at a time when business at the best is not very encouraging, is rather puzzling. It is doubtful if enough councilmen can be rallied to the support of such a measure to pass it and theatrical people are recommended to not lose any sleep over the threatened catastrophe.

"WE ARE ALL glad to see the people of the south get along," said General Hastings at Altoona, the other day, "but it is about time to tell them that they cannot legislate at the expense of the great industries north of Mason and Dixon's line." This country is large enough for all its citizens to have abundant elbow room. There is no excuse for sectional pushing, shoving and crowding.

THE DREAM of the hopeful tariff reform advocate has been realized. A dollar will, in some directions, purchase more today than a dollar and a half would buy a few seasons ago when the country struggled along under high wages and high tariff. But, by the way, the workingman to whom a dollar and a half seemed a small sum then, is just at present puzzled over

the problem of securing the dollar. This trivial matter seems to interfere to a certain extent with the blooming success of low tariff as a blessing to the American workingman.

THERE IS NO more efficient or obliging official in the court house than Clerk of the Courts John H. Thomas. He is thoroughly familiar with the duties of his office, has made a clean and brilliant record and is presented by the Republicans for re-election because he has fairly and honorably discharged that honor.

IT HAS BEEN some time since the European war cloud last hovered on the horizon of nations. The latest war scare will doubtless blow over, as harmlessly as all the rest; but it suffices, while it lasts, to show just how far civilization has really carried us toward the common sense arbitrament of peaceful discussion and concession.

CANDIDATE SINGERLY, one week ago, speaking in Philadelphia, declared that the doctrine of protection is "dead and damned." Candidate Slingerly has the courage of his party's convictions; but next month he will find protection an exceedingly robust corpse.

GENERAL HASTINGS has emulated the example of his Democratic antagonist by advising Republicans to put in their hardest licks on the congressional ticket. "Never mind me," he said at Altoona. "I'll worry along." We should imagine he would!

LOOKING at the subject dispassionately we should say that Candidate William M. Slingerly has very little ground upon which to criticize Candidate Levi P. Morton for not being a great orator.

THE FIELD OF POLITICS.

The Republicans of Plymouth had a rousing meeting in the People's theater the other night, and in the Wilkes-Barre Times' report of it we notice the following: "Chairman Shook in introducing Fred W. Fleitz, of Scranton, said he was now bringing up his heavy artillery. Mr. Fleitz, who was journal clerk of the last house of representatives, first confined himself to a resume of the record of Hon. D. J. Reese in the last house and made an eloquent plea for his return. He mentioned each candidate on the local ticket and compared the Republican with the Democratic candidates to the interest of the Republican. Some of his sallies in this connection caught the audience and when he got to the speech proper the audience was entirely with him. His illustrations were new and entirely appropriate. He confined himself strictly to local issues in showing what the Wilson bill had done for Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, and it is safe to say never in the history of Plymouth has a political meeting been held in which the audience manifested so great enthusiasm."

The Washington Star recently sent a man into Pennsylvania to gather the drift of the political situation. In one of his letters this correspondent remarks: "The elections next November will also have an important bearing on the seat in the senate now held by Senator Don Cameron. There are twenty-five senators to be elected this fall in Pennsylvania who will hold over till 1898, and each has a vote as to who shall succeed Cameron. A number of these have already pledged themselves to vote against Senator Cameron's re-election. Particularly is this the case in the Pennsylvania senator's home in Lancaster county, where his candidate for the state senate was turned down after a bitter fight, and Chris Kautman, an anti-Cameron man, was nominated on the Republican ticket. The best opinion seems to be that nearly half of the new senate to be elected in November will be anti-Cameron, and unless Senator Quay comes to the rescue Cameron will have a poor show of succeeding himself." It is by no means certain that Senator Cameron will be a free trader, although he is not nearly so certain as that the next senator from Pennsylvania will be Louis Arthur Wartes, of Scranton.

Republicans in the Crawford-Erie district who are disposed to vote for Joseph C. Sibley are opportunely reminded by the Philadelphia Press that in congress, Mr. Sibley voted against the repeal of the silver purchase act, and he also voted against the Wilson bill when it originally passed the house. Later he was not on hand to vote either way on the senate bill or on the bills for free sugar, free coal and free iron ore. His action threw him into a position of antagonism with the Democratic party in the state. He and Candidate Slingerly cannot stand on the same platform, although they will be together on the same ticket by unprincipled Democrats in the Twenty-sixth district. If Mr. Sibley should be re-elected he would do as he did before, give his support to a free trade candidate for governor and thus assist a free trade organization of the house. That is the vital point. After that the skyrocket act of voting against a Democratic tariff bill, knowing it did nothing, is nothing. Can a man be trusted who thus insults consistency and recklessly plays fast and loose?

Charles Emory Smith, who returned from Europe on the same steamer that brought back Chairman Wilson, is already doing yeoman service on the stump. One of his clever sallies in Pittsburg, last Friday, was much appreciated. Mr. Smith related an anecdote of a Frenchman who called an American cocktail a grand contradiction because it was neither wine nor sugar to make it sweet, lemon to make it sour, some schnapps to make it strong and water to make it weak, whisky to make it hot and ice to make it cool. The Democratic tariff bill was this kind of a contradiction; it was a grand contradiction. It had a little of Arthur P. Gorman in it to make it strong, and a little of David B. Hill to make it hot and some of Grover Cleveland to make it cold, so that the shiver could be felt in Allegheny.

The roll call at Washington, as everybody knows who has followed congressional proceedings, is no infallible test of ability or party loyalty. Hundreds of roll calls are ordered, each session, purely to delay matters, break a quorum or achieve some other personal or factional end. The party managers notify members when their votes are needed, just as the party "whips" do in the English parliament, and then the loyal members get in their seats and vote. Representative Joseph A. Scranton has missed precious few really important roll calls in congress, during Democratic times. He has never missed a roll call when protection was threatened; and he never was absent when a speaker was to be elected.

Congressional Candidate Cornelius Smith, of the People's party, challenges Galusha A. Grow to a debate upon the tariff question. There are few that, when compared with ex-Speaker Grow, Candidate Smith would be regarded as an oratorical middleweight, and not entitled to even a knockout from one of Mr. Grow's class.

Mr. Slingerly, in a published interview, says: "The outlook is decidedly not the most favorable for Democratic success at the polls, but I am going to do my best, and, you know, angels cannot do any better than that. Did you notice the horse race at Morris Park, near New York, the

other day? It was the great five furlong race. At the outset the betting was 60 to 1 against Black Hawk, who came down first on the home stretch. Certainly his chances are as good as were those of this horse. Just watch the returns four weeks hence." We will, commodore, we will.

"Billy" Hines has played his trump card. He has had United States Engineer Raymond write to him for information as to the condition of the Susquehanna river between Pittston and Nantuxton, with a view to making it navigable. Now let Candidate Merrifield agree, if elected, to dig out the pellicled Lackawanna so as to admit ocean steamships, and the chain of maritime events will be complete, as it were.

Frank H. Clemons has made an unqualified denial of the lie that he ever said "a dollar a day was enough for any workman." This lie has been sprung against almost every Republican national, congressional and local candidate who has run for office during the past ten years. Even as late as the Democratic campaign slander-makers have no originality.

That was a good joke, although unintentional, on Fred W. Fleitz which the Wilkes-Barre Times perpetrated when, in its report of the Plymouth Republican rally the other night, it said that "while Mr. Fleitz was speaking not a single person left the hall."

What is fame? The Democratic Harbinger Patriot speaks of him as "Lackawanna's Democratic congressional candidate, Mr. Merrifield," and then proceeds to joke him upon his cold prospects.

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